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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))**  
(Regular application claiming priority of a provisional)

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Box Patent Application  
Washington, DC 20231

**To:** This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:  
**Hal Hildebrand, Klimenty Vainstein**

**For:** **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING DISTRIBUTED ACCESS CONTROL TO SECURED ITEMS**

Assigned to: SecretSEAL Inc.

Priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/339,634 filed on December 12, 2001 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

**Application Elements:**

- ☒ **73** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- ☒ **30** Sheets of formal Drawings
- ☒ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☐ Separate Declaration

**Accompanying Application Parts:**

- ☒ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.
- ☒ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
- ☐ Separate Power of Attorney by Assignee
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
- ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

☒ Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

	(Col. 1) Total Claims		(Col. 2) Claims	(Col. 3) Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL	20	MINUS	20	= 00	x 18	
INDEP.	03	MINUS	3	= 00	x 84	
[ ] First presentation of multiple dependent claim					\$280	
Basic Filing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a)					\$740	740.00
TOTAL						740.00
SMALL ENTITY 50% FILING FEE REDUCTION (if applicable)						370.00

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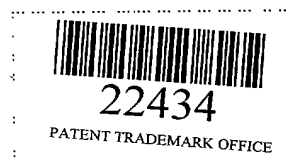
☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. SSL1P002).

General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. SSL1P002).

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**NONPUBLICATION REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION**  
**(35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i))**

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Sir:

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen (18) months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application **NOT** be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

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